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SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR'S COFFEE SALES TO BRAZIL

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SUMMARY: WORKING LEVEL MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REALIZE IMPLICATIONS OF COFFEE AGREEMENT ON THEIR SALES TO BRAZIL, BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, HIGHER OFFICIALS HAVE IGNORED THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO FUTURE EXPORT QUOTAS. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOFF DISCUSSED IMPLICATIONS OF COFFEE AGREEMENT WITH MISS GUERRA JULY 6 WHO TACITLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT BY SALES TO BRAZIL, MADAGASCAR WAS RISKING LOWER QUOTAS SHOULD QUOTAS COME INTO PLAY IN LATER YEARS OF AGREEMENT. SHE DID NOT DEFEND THE SALES TO BRAZIL AND IMPLIED THAT HERE SUPERIORS HAD MADE DECISION IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION FORM WORKING LEVEL BUREAUCRATS. ECONOFF BELIEVES THAT SHOULD FURTHER SALES TO BRAZIL EVER BE CONTEMPLATED, SHE WILL ATTEMPT TO DRAW DECISION MAKER'S ATTENTION TO IMPLICATION OF COFFEE AGREEMENT ON FUTURE QUOTAS.

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3.COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF EALRIER SALES TO BRAZIL IN 1976, KNOWLEDGEABLE WORKING LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SALES TO BRAZIL WILL REDUCE THEIR QUOTAS FOR LIFE OF AGREEMENT, BUT THESE OFFICIALS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THEIR SUPERIORS HAVE IGNORED THIS POSSIBILITY. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN HOW FORTHRIGHTLY THEY HAVE DEFENDED THEIR VIEWS AND OPPOSED SALES TO BRAZIL, BUT WE SUSPECT THEIR OPPOSITION HAS

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BEEN LESS THAN ENERGETIC. WHILE IT IS PURE CONJECTURE, WE
PRESUME THAT BRAZIL HAS SOLD MINISTER OF ECONOMY & COMMERCE
JUSTIN RARIVOSON ON COFFE PRODUCER SOLIDARITY AND GLOSSED
OVER OR DISMISSED OUT OF HAND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR MADAGASCAR'S
FUTURE QUOTAS. RARIVOSON, A VICTIM OF OPEC AND AN AUTHOR OF
RECENT CLOVE PRODUCER AGREEMENT WITH ZANZIBAR, APPEARS TO HAVE
A FIXATION ABOUT PRODUCER CARTELS AND PROBABLY WAS AN EASY
TARGET FOR BRAZILIAN ARGUMENTSM.

4. I HOPE TO PAY MY FIRST OFFICIAL CALL ON MINISTER RARIVOSON
IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND AT THAT TIME I WILL DRAW HIS ATTENTION
TO THE AGREEMENT AND THE FUTURE INJURY WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE
SALES TO BRAZIL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS DOWN TO ITS LAST COPY OF
COFFEE AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT PLEASE POUCH THREE ADDITIONAL
COPIES OF BOTH FRENCH & ENGLISH TEXTS OF AGREEMENT.BARRETT

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